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MEMORANDUM TO: [redacted]

SUBJECT : Proposed Message to All Suppliers

1. Reference your proposed message to all suppliers, the following change in paragraph 1 is recommended. The purpose here is to more fully explain the term, "operational control." I suggest that paragraph 1 read more along this line:

"This Headquarters is fully aware of the suppliers' requirement to transmit technical information rapidly to field units. However, for reasons which will be explained here, certain restrictions must be placed on this flow of information. Operational control of overseas units will be maintained in Project Headquarters. Included in this operational control are actual control of all flight operations, establishment of policies and outline of procedures. In order to fulfill the responsibilities of maintaining operational control and to protect the authority and prerogative of the Squadron Commander (the Squadron Commander is held responsible for maintaining his unit in a continuous state of operational readiness), this Headquarters must be fully aware of changes in equipment status and capability and also of the requirements or changes in procedure and policy. The following ground rules which apply to the transmission of technical information from their home offices to personnel in the field must be observed:

(1) Message will be routed to the Squadron Commander, attention: the individual concerned.

(2) Info copies of all messages must be sent to Project Headquarters. Requirements for changes in policy or procedure will be submitted to Project Headquarters. After due consideration, Headquarters will forward the necessary information to the Squadrons in the field."

2. As far as the over-all proposed message goes, the only comments I have concern paragraph 1. I think the matter of operational control needs to be explained more clearly and, too, our instructions regarding changes in policy and procedure must be clearly explained.

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